

**Middletown Economic Development Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday, June 11, 2014, 5:00 pm**

**Middletown Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room**

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**Shawn Brown, Town Administrator \_\_\_\_\_**

**The meeting was called to order at 5pm**

**1. Presentation and discussion with Jerry Bernardini, Chairperson, Engineering and Technology program at CCRI.**

**Mr. Bernardini introduced himself to the group. He discussed efforts to work with school districts to direct students to the advanced manufacturing program at CCRI. Facilities are based at the Warwick Campus, but there is ongoing discussion of options to offer the program at the Newport Campus if appropriate space can be found. The Newport CCRI building will not accommodate the equipment. He discussed the recent award of a grant to help expand programs,**

**including to the Providence campus.**

**There was discussion of possibly partnering with local high schools to provided similar programs to high school students. Mr. Bernardini indicated that there currently is no funding for such an effort.**

**2. Discuss tour of building trades facility in East Providence.**

**Planning department staff will work with the building trades council to schedule a tour in July.**

**The meeting adjourned at 6pm.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Ronald M. Wolanski, Planning Director**